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ABSTRACT

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) was established in 1830 by six men led by Joseph Smith. Today this group, commonly called Mormons, numbers approximately seven million members worldwide. Mormonism has sometimes been the object of public, political, and ecclesiastical animosity and misinformation. There is now a vast amount of material available on Mormonism. This bibliographic essay addresses the questions of how to keep up with the abundance of material and how to tell the difference between the fair, balanced, and well-researched material and poorly written and biased pieces. It is intended to be a core collection guide for public libraries as well as a reference guide for researchers and students in academic, special, and public libraries. Over 125 citations are divided among 15 subject headings: (1) bibliographies, indexes, and guides, (2) biographies, (3) doctrinal literature, (4) genealogical research, (5) handbooks, directories, and encyclopedias, (6) histories, (7) hymnology, (8) the Mormon Church, (9) Mormon authors, (10) pioneers, (11) polygamy, (12) the Salt Lake Temple, (13) women, (14) periodicals, and (15) newspapers. An alphabetical, enumerative bibliography of the same sources cited in the bibliographical essay is also included. (JB)

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An annotated bibliography on Mormonism containing over 125 citations to books and periodicals especially selected for use in academic and public libraries. Written as a core collection guide for public libraries; as well as a reference guide for researchers and public service librarians in academic, special, and public libraries.

The Utah Mormon Church, or more correctly, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) was established in 1830 by six members (New York state law) being lead by Joseph Smith (1805-1844) who was then 24 years of age. The actual genesis of the Church began during the Second Great Awakening, whose beginnings stirred when Thomas Paine's Age of Reason (1794) became popular. Paine was only one of many influences that ignited the Second Great Awakening, which eventually led to the creation of not only Mormonism, but several other religious movements as well. The precursor to The Second Great Awakening (which occurred after the War of 1812) was the Great Revival of 1800. Both resurgences pummeled the same western New York area just 12 years apart. Each era was marked by such sensationalistic evangelism, searing religious confrontation, and emotional conversion that historians now call this entire region, the Burned-over District.[1]

Over one hundred and fifty years later this group, commonly called Mormons, numbers approximately 7 million members worldwide. It certainly seems that no other Christian religion in America has borne the brunt of more public, political, or ecclesiastical animosity and misinformation than the Latter-day Saints. They have been proclaimed and judged by many writers as either a cult, or an anti-Christian sect. Some promulgate it as

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1 Cross, Whitney R. The Burned-Over District: The Social and Intellectual History of Enthusiastic Religion in Western New York, 1800-1850. N.Y.: Cornell Univ. Press, 1950.

an unorthodox form of Protestantism. Because of all the sensationalism which usually accompanies Mormon manuscripts, whether pro or anti, it has been said "that Mormonism is one of those complex human phenomena that are extremely difficult, if not impossible, to write about with anything resembling fairness."[2] Ordinarily this difficulty of fairness is not a significant problem unless an enormous amount of literature is written about a subject as polemic as Mormonism; but due to the efforts of such contemporary historians as Dale Morgan, Juanita Brooks, and Leonard Arrington, this "phenomena" called Mormonism is actually being written about more frequently now, than in times past. This brings us to the two fundamental problems that I wish to address in this bibliography: 1) the vast amount of material now available on Mormonism, how does one keep up with the abundance of it, and 2) how does one tell the difference between the fair, balanced, and well-researched material, versus the poorly written and, usually, slanted pieces? These are both difficult questions, and unless one is familiar with the topic, and the various locales where answers may be found, the task is overwhelming, to say the least. Hopefully, this bibliography will not only answer the above two questions, but will also serve to assist researchers and students interested in learning more about the various materials that are available on this unique religion.

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[2] O'Dea, Thomas F. The Mormons. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964. p. vii.

The publications included in this bibliography were selected with both public and academic libraries in mind. The rules for inclusion were a mixture between 1) the most current sources available, and 2) those that are scholarly and objective. Many times this turned out to be the same title; at other times an older work or perhaps an additional work will also be cited to give an enhanced and more overall representation of the specific subject area. The subject areas, as well as the titles were selected to 1) provide the researcher and public service librarian in both academic and public libraries with a reference guide, and 2) provide the public libraries with a list for a core collection.

Also, included with some of the more current titles, or those of a controversial nature, are selected reviews which should provide the reader or librarian with a better understanding of either the author, the work, or the methodology of the work. The ending date for inclusion consideration was May 1989.

Only those titles listed in the 1988-89 Books in Print are given price listings. This should insure that the prices given are as correct and current as possible. I have also included not only the LC and ISBN numbers (when they were obtainable) but also the OCLC control numbers to help facilitate the inter-library loan process.

In this essay format, I have listed the most useful works at the beginning of each subject area. I then continue to identify

titles until an overall balanced understanding of the specific subject field is reached. The fact that these titles are included in this bibliography is evidence that they are either recommended, or because of a biased or questioned method of analysis, that they deserve careful consideration before including them in a library collection.

For organizational purposes only, I have listed the subject areas within the essay alphabetically (with the exception of periodicals and newspapers which are placed at the end). To begin with, I will answer the question of where to find sources on Mormonism.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES, INDEXES, AND GUIDES:

Beginning with bibliographies, the most noteworthy is **Chad Flake's**, A Mormon Bibliography, 1830-1930 (1978). This is a massive collection of main entry listings of more than 10,000 items pertaining wholly or partly to the first century of Mormonism (1830-1930). He also indicates the libraries and archives where these materials are found. Also, be on the watch for a supplement to be printed in 1989. A volume that augments **Flake's** work is Mormon Manuscripts to 1846 (1977). Although a guide to only the Brigham Young University (BYU) collection, and completed back in 1977, this title gives information about materials published before 1830. The best of the guides in this similar area would be **Davis Bitton's**, Guide to Mormon Diaries & Autobiographies, (1977). This gives an author listing of over

2,800 diaries, journals, memoirs, etc., of the 19th and 20th centuries, with descriptive notes and index. He also indicates the libraries and archives in which these books and journals are held. This guide is indispensable for historical researchers who require primary documents. **Utah State University** has compiled the Name Index to the Library of Congress Collection of Mormon Diaries (1971) -- a very handy device for research. **Russell Clement's**, Mormons in the Pacific, (1981) offers a concentrated attempt to list all books, pamphlets, periodicals, personal diaries, journals, mission histories, ephemeral, and selected articles from periodicals concerning Mormons and the Mormon experience in the Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia territories.

Moving up to more recent bibliographies, one which proves useful is **Steven Shields**, The Latter-day Saint Churches (1987). This volume provides a new and much needed annotated bibliography that puts into one volume basic information on the over 100 separate denominations (over 50 of which are still active today) that came from the movement started by Joseph Smith over 150 years ago. Written for the non-LDS researcher, **Shields** gives a selective list of sources (over 400 citations for the Utah Church) arranged by time period and movement that he feels is "generally representative of the history and theology of each church." It also contains an author index. A different type of bibliography, but one most useful for special libraries, and government documents departments is **Susan Fales' and Chad**

Flake's, Mormons and Mormonism in U.S. Government Documents (1989). This is a new source, and the first in this subject area; preliminary information indicates that it covers the years 1830-1930, in a chronologically arranged order and includes an index.

Two helpful indexes to modern Mormon periodical literature are the Index to Mormonism in Periodical Literature, (1976) published by the Church's Historical Department, and the Index to Periodicals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (annual). The former is the largest single comprehensive collection of articles on or about Mormonism from a wide variety of assorted periodicals. It includes articles from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (RLDS) and other splinter groups. This is an annual index, but only available to the public for the years 1976-1980. Thereafter, it unfortunately is available only as an in-house product of the LDS Historical Department. The latter is an author/subject index to five official LDS publications. Two periodical indexes to former Mormon periodicals are, Index of Times & Seasons, (1986) edited by **Newbern Butt**, and, the Index to the Millennial Star, (1960) compiled by **Beth Oyler**. Both of these periodicals were once the official church organs during the early period of the church. A helpful index to biographical sketches is, Mormons and Their Neighbors, (1984) by **Marvin E. Wiggins**, of the BYU Library. It contains over 75,000 biographical sketches appearing in 194 volumes. These sketches include persons living between 1820 and

1981, in Northern Mexico, New Mexico, Southern California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Southwestern Canada.

Now to answer the question of "how does one stay up-to-date with current sources on Mormonism?" The easiest way is to keep track of Scott Duvall's, "Mormon Bibliography," which appears annually in Brigham Young University Studies. Here he gives author entry access to articles, theses, dissertations, annuals, and monographs written that year about either Mormonism or Utah in general. The listings for articles are limited to those periodicals published in Utah. This bibliography is exceptional in two different ways: 1) it provides annual access to new material, and 2) it indexes those Utah periodicals that are not listed anywhere else (i.e. This People, Sunstone, BYU Today, and many others). For those who wish to stay right up-to-date with Mormon bibliography there are two other alternatives: 1) Chad Flake, who is the special collections curator at BYU distributes a biweekly Acquisitions List for the BYU faculty. This list is the core record for the Brigham Young University Studies bibliography. If you wish to receive this list simply write him at, 4040 HBLL, BYU, Provo, Ut. 84602. 2) The Mormon History Association prints a quarterly newsletter called the Mormon History Association Newsletter, which usually carries three different bibliography sections. One is for new titles just released, another for selected titles of interest to members of the Association, and the third is a topical bibliography on assorted subjects. To receive this newsletter one must belong to

the association for a yearly fee of $12.00, which also includes their annual journal. If interested, write the Mormon History Association, PO Box 7010, University Station, Provo, Ut., 84602.

BIOGRAPHIES:

The best overall work in the area of general biographies is **Andrew Jenson's**, Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia (1936). Although dated, nothing of the same magnitude has replaced it. A one volume work by **Richard Van Wagoner and Steven C. Walker**, entitled A Book of Mormons (1982) does not complete what Jenson started but it does cover 78 of the more "notable" church members from Fawn Brodie to Butch Cassidy. The treatment is fair, and the volume is well illustrated with over 100 photographs and sketches of the subjects and events surveyed, patrons will enjoy the style. **Leonard Arrington** has edited The Presidents of the Church, (1986) which gives short biographical sketches (approximately 35-40 pages each) of all the presidents/prophets of the LDS Church. There are many other books like this but none are as scholarly and current as **Arrington's**. Mighty Men of Zion (1974) by **Lawrence Flake**, lists almost 200 General Authorities of the Church.[3] **Flake's** book of

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[3] Note: a General Authority of the LDS Church is a man who is called by the Salt Lake City Headquarters of the Church to work full-time as one of the hierarchy in the Church--these offices include: Apostle, Seventy, presiding Bishopric, and Patriarch. The positions of prophet, and counselor to the prophet, are usually selected from among those in the quorum of the apostles.

biographical sketches is too pro-church, and lacks adequate follow-up readings. I suggest a combination of the aforementioned three titles as a way of having a current and historical listing of different leaders in the Utah Mormon Church. Also, there are short (paragraph length) biographies of current and past church leaders in the annual Church Almanac.

Moving on to the single biographies, we will start with the founder of Mormonism--Joseph Smith. Donna Hill has written the most impartial scholarly study to date. First printed in 1977, and now a new edition in paperback, Joseph Smith "The First Mormon" (1983) is clearly one of the best treatments and interpretations of the available material on Joseph Smith. Of the more controversial titles, and still asked for, is Fawn Brodie's work, No Man Knows My History (1945). Although very old in research and scholarship, her biographies have generated both acclaim and criticism. The criticism centers on her use of psychobiographical techniques to ascertain a historical figure's experiences and motivations through a psychological interpretation. For a better understanding of the this controversial style of biography you may wish to read two scholarly Mormon viewpoints on this book, Marvin S. Hill, "Secular or Sectarian History? A Critique of 'No Man Knows My History,'" Church History 43, March 1974: pp.78-96.; and Louis Midgley, "The Brodie Connection: Thomas Jefferson and Joseph Smith," Brigham Young University Studies 20, No.1, Fall 1979. Concluding the works on Joseph Smith, Richard Bushman, has

written a well researched account of Joseph Smith and the Smith family from the 1750s to 1831 (the year after the Church was organized). Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Mormonism, (1984) deals with the cultural, social, and environmental background of the Smith family. Another volume dealing with approximately this same time period is Richard Anderson's, Joseph Smith's New England Heritage (1971). Anderson uses town and church records pertaining to the history of the Smith family.

Continuing on with the leaders of the Church, Leonard Arrington has written a scholarly and well-balanced study of the well-known Mormon pioneer, Brigham Young (1985). This work has given readers and researchers new insights into the church leader because of Arrington's access to unpublished and heretofore unavailable primary documents. Some reviewers were disheartened because the volume lacked interpretations of Young's motivations for his actions. But, overall, this work maintains its' worth as the most scholastic and unbiased study to date. Another good addition to your collection on Brigham Young would be Newell Bringhurst's, Brigham Young and the Expanding American Frontier (1986). This amiable, brief book will give readers an enjoyable contrast to Arrington's text. Bringhurst places Young in his historical setting while concentrating on Young as an individual, not as a church leader. Another well known church member, and one of Mormonism's foremost intellectuals, who has been neglected until recently is Orson Pratt. Pratt was often called the "voice" of the church during the Brigham Young era, and in Breck

England's, The Life and Thought of Orson Pratt, (1985) he gives us a diligently-written biography of this Mormon pioneer, intellectual, scientist, mathematician, and scripturist. Another well written and researched account of one of Western America's most controversial personalities is Richard Dewey's, Porter Rockwell, The Definitive Biography (1986). This is an adeptly-written descriptive account that updates the earlier works on this subject. This same work was also printed under the title Porter Rockwell, A Biography (1986). Last, but certainly not least in this area of biographies is Newell's and Avery's, Mormon Enigma: Emma Hale Smith: Prophet's Wife (1984). This is the first major academic study of Joseph Smith's wife. An excellent book for understanding nineteenth century women, Mormon history, polygamy, and the major contention that divided Mormonism into two major factions.

DOCTRINAL WORKS:

The following four titles represent those publications that are considered classics in the genre of Mormon doctrinal literature--needless to say, every library should own these volumes for both their LDS patrons, and those that wish to know more about the basic tenets of the LDS faith. They are all older volumes, but are constantly being reprinted by the Church. LeGrand Richards', A Marvelous Work and a Wonder, (1950) gives a missionary style discussion of the various beliefs of the Mormon Church. Joseph Fielding Smith's, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph

Smith, (1938) is a compilation of different teachings and remarks as found in the History of the Church, "and other publications of the Church and written or published in the days of the Prophet's ministry." (title page). James E. Talmage wrote two Mormon classics A Study of the Articles of Faith, (1890) and Jesus the Christ (1915). The first work gives readers an outline of the basic beliefs of the Church, while being one of the foremost theological expositions of LDS belief, while the second explains the distinct mission and the sanctifying role of Jesus Christ in Mormon theology and thought.

For more modern day reference works, Bruce R. McConkie has written a massive one volume compendium of explanation of Mormon doctrine in an encyclopedic style entitled Mormon Doctrine, (1966). McConkie was a general authority in the Church, and also a leading Mormon scripturist. A very handy book written by Robert J. Matthews, is A Plainer Translation: Joseph Smith's Translation of the Bible, a History and Commentary (1975). This book is a painstakingly and meticulously well researched volume. It neatly answers almost any question that would be asked about the "Mormon edition of the Bible." The Theological Foundations of the Mormon Religion, (1965) was written by Sterling McMurrin. He is a LDS Church member, and professor emeritus from the University of Utah. This book is highly useful in understanding and placing Mormon theology in the broader context of classical Christian doctrine. Gary Shapiro, has compiled An Exhaustive Concordance of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, and the

Pearl of Great Price (1977). (These texts along with the King James Version of the Bible, constitute the sacred volumes of the LDS faith.) This work is an exhaustive alphabetical listing of all words (save 89 common words like a, and, the, did, do, etc.) that are used in the texts. Another credible concordance is George Reynolds's, A Complete Concordance of the Book of Mormon (1969). This is a reprint of an older standard text--exhaustive in scope.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH:

A reliable introductory volume in this Mormon category is Juassi and Chaston's, Fundamentals of Genealogical Research (1977). This is a primer book for those new to the field of genealogy research, which may be followed by Juassi and Chaston's, Register of LDS Church Records Classified by the Library of the Genealogical Society (1968). This book functions as a basic guide to all the classified holdings of the Genealogical Society Library. It also contains both the old and new call numbers for the microfilmed records. It is an excellent reference source for those already experienced with genealogical research.

HANDBOOKS, DIRECTORIES, AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS:

This is the category that includes those books for patrons who want only basic information about either the Church or its beliefs. Beginning with handbooks, the first title worth noting is that by Abraham Cannon, A Handbook of Reference to the

History, Chronology, Religion, and Country of the LDS (1884). This publication is an obvious special collections or special library book, available on microfiche, and reduced print (1982). The Church Almanac, is an annual edition published by the staff of the Salt Lake City newspaper, the Deseret News. It lists historical facts, brief biographies, statistics and information about the LDS Church for the past year. This is a splendid ready-reference source. Along this similar genre is the small pocket book by Rufus Leigh, Five Hundred Utah Place Names, Their Origin and Significance (1961). This little volume was excerpted from the authors' original, and larger government survey book. Five Hundred Utah Place Names is akin to his Nevada Place Names volume.

Moving on to directories, Young, Reynolds, and Haubrook, have written an informative volume on the marketing and distribution of print materials to the Mormon market in their work, The Mormon Media Market (1981).

For introductions to the Church, two particularly useful titles are: Gordon Hinckley's, What of the Mormons? (1954), and Doyle Green's, Meet the Mormons (1968). The former is the only one (of many available introductory books) that has been authored by a General Authority of the Church. This is a true introduction to the Church--without any polemic treatment. It contains a short history of the Church written with the non-member in mind. The second title is a pictorial introduction to the Church and its beliefs--because of its many photographs, it

is also very useful for younger readers. Melvin Brooks', Latter-day Saint Reference Encyclopedia (1960) is an A to Z subject treatment of essential information on ecclesiastical history, biography, doctrine, and geography. Volume 2, added in 1965 was intended to provide some basic understanding and lead the reader to other sources for additional study. It is good, but dated.

HISTORIES

For an excellent and overall comprehensive LDS history book James Allen's and Glen Leonard's, The Story of the Latter-day Saints (1976, 1986) does an exceptional job. This title is considered the standard text of Mormon History--done principally in narrative style--it carries the reader from the Church's inception to 1976. The general bibliography (pp. 639-659) is superb, and should not be overlooked. The next choice for general history books is Arrington's and Bitton's, The Mormon Experience (1979). This is a well-written synthesis from a scholarly point of view. Following on the list of overall histories is Gustive Larson's, Outline History of Utah and the Mormons (1965). Which has been used as a textbook--he gives an exceptional summary of the Great Basin from the 1750's to the 1950's. Dean Hughes', The Mormon Church (1986) is a historical primer written for the younger reader, high school, perhaps even junior college. Some fundamental themes are neglected but it is an overall satisfactory empathic introduction. For more specific time periods in the history of the Mormon Church use Thomas

Alexander's, Mormonism in Transition (1986). This is a selective historical narration of the time period 1890 (the ending of polygamy) to 1930 (the Church's centennial birth year). Equal in importance to Alexander's book is Jan Shipps', Mormonism (1985). Written by a Methodist historian, and former president of the Mormon Historical Association, this small book deals with analysis, understanding, and interpreting selective important LDS historical events. It is actually more of a religious study than a history. But, should be considered required reading for anyone interested in understanding Mormon History.

Before going on to the larger church history sets, I feel it is necessary to review Joseph Fielding Smith's book, Essentials in Church History (1922). This book was first written in 1922 to answer critics of the Church. It is a very pro-church, apologetic, and in some cases historically inaccurate work. This should be weeded from any collection, but unfortunately gullible and uninformed members of the LDS Church may still ask for it. The following two sets of history publications were written by B.H. Roberts. He was one of the foremost historians of the Church, and also a General Authority in the Church's hierarchy. His Comprehensive History of the Church, 6 volumes. (1930) was first published in Americana (a monthly periodical published by the American Historical Society of New York) from 1909 to 1915. The information was revised, updated, and placed into book form in 1930. Newer editions add a 7th volume, a comprehensive index. This set is a standard for LDS reference.

Roberts' other set of Church History volumes is the History of the Church. Sometimes called the Documentary History of the Church, this seven volume set basically records Joseph Smith's revelations, as well as his decrees to the members of the Church. The problems with the publication of this set started back during Brigham Young's leadership days when it was decided that all entries would be written in the first person--and that the history would have been Joseph's own record if he hadn't been murdered. This methodology was not unlike many other historical writings during this same time period--but unfortunately this misinformation has not only confused the general church member, but has also backlashed the Church by furnishing the anti-Mormon movement with so-called justification for an outcry of deception on the part of the Mormon hierarchy. The History of the Church was not written by Joseph Smith. In fact, he only wrote a few pages of his own diaries, letterbooks, and manuscripts from which the History of the Church is taken. Joseph Smith did not correct or proof the entire text. Before his death in 1844, he only corrected the first 42 pages of the narrative; which extended only through August 1838.

One other point needs clarifying, B.H. Roberts, has never actually been given proper credit for editing this entire history, which he received as a church assignment in 1901. Because this set was to remain as a "first person" narrative his "credit" was limited to "introduction by." Once Roberts was finished with the history another problem arose. The Church now

had a "first person" narrative that not only had been written by many different scribes and secretaries, and not corrected by Joseph Smith; but now, to top this whole confused affair, the entire set had been edited (including additions and deletions) without any editorial notes. This was a nightmarish state for any so-called first person history. Fortunately, through the efforts of a few historians, the misinformation about this set and its authorship is being corrected, and this exceptional collection of historical material has taken its rightful place as an irreplaceable tool for the understanding of the history and rise of both Joseph Smith and Mormonism. For a succinct review of this entire vexing subject, read: **Howard C. Searle**, "Authorship of the History of Joseph Smith." Brigham Young University Studies, vol. 21, No. 1, Winter 1981. pp.101-122.

Other histories that may prove useful are **Andrew Jenson's** Church Chronology: A Record of Important Events, (1914) and Encyclopedic History of the Church (1941). The former title gives a listing of events from 1805 (Joseph Smith's birth year) to 1913; while the subsequent title contains detailed information on Church history events as gleaned from many various church records. For historic economic information **Leonard Arrington's** book the Great Basis Kingdom, (1958) is the definitive study on 19th century economic progress. This text shows the role of the LDS Church in developing the economy of the Mountain West area. It includes such topics as the United Order-with its' communal held properties, the success of ZCMI, and Brigham Young's

negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad. As a follow-up to Great Basin, Arrington and Alexander have written A Dependent Commonwealth (1974). This small book, only 112 pages, tells the story of Utah's economy up to the time of the Great Depression. For general information about Utah History, the staff of the Deseret News (a local Salt Lake City newspaper) published Deseret, 1776-1976: A Bicentennial Illustrated History of Utah (1975) in celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial. An interesting and not often thought of subject is nicely covered in Steven Shields' book, Divergent Paths of the Restoration (1982). Although poorly arranged and formatted, his book is most comprehensive in recording the founding history, and current status of all the churches and/or movements that originated with Joseph Smith's teachings.

HYMNOLOGY:

The most current and up-to-date work is Karen Davidson's, Our Latter-day Hymns (1988). This book was prompted by the recent edition of a new LDS Hymnal in 1985. This title comes from the work of a committee, sometimes lacks consistency, and contains a few minor mistakes on dates and names. Overall, a noteworthy achievement. The book that Davidson's work replaced is J. Spencer Cornwall's, Stories of Our Mormon Hymns (1961). This book followed the 1950 hymnal of the church. A more personal, but older work is George Pyper's, Stories of Latter-day Saint Hymns (1940). In this work the readers are given the

circumstances surrounding the origin and message of some of the more significant songs of the Latter-day Saints. Pyper gives a more personal touch in dealing with this subject than both Cornwall or Davidson.

Thomas Cheney, has written Mormon Songs: From the Rocky Mountains (1981). This volume is a compilation of Mormon Folksongs which includes their words and music. For those interested in The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, (1979) Charles Calman's book gives efficient historical treatment to this symbol of Mormonism.

MORMON CHURCH:

The most logical area to consider next would be the field of what others, who are outside the LDS Church, have written about the Church, people, and/or the religion. Without a doubt, the classic study in this area would be Thomas O'Dea's, The Mormons (1957). This insightful interpretation of Mormons by a Catholic sociologist was part of a comparative study of values by the Social Relations Laboratory at Harvard University. Heavily noted, and indexed; this standard is still quoted today. Two other more recent works in this same subject area are: Mark Leone's, Roots of Modern Mormonism (1979), and Glenn Vernon's, Sociology of Mormonism (1975). Leone, an anthropologist, adds to and updates the sociological ground work started by O'Dea.

The next monograph contains a series of doctrinally-orientated papers delivered by non-Mormon theologians at the

Religious Studies Symposium sponsored by BYU in 1978. Reflections on Mormonism: Judaeo-Christian Parallels, (1978) compares the LDS theology/religion, to the traditional Judaeo-Christian teachings. It comes complete with index, illustrations, and bibliography; a recommended title.

This next group of titles fit the above category, but are of a different breadth. The Rise of Mormon Power, (1984) by Gottlieb and Wiley, gives a frank examination of the Mormon Church as a secular institution. Problems arise as these non-historians confuse the actions and/or decisions of the "Church" as an administrative organization, with the actions or opinions of members who "belong" to the church. Overall, the examination is thorough, although scathing at times. An abundance of respectable labor and time went into this book--and the fact that the authors obtained sufficient information and interviews to publish this work is remarkable in and of itself. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for The Mormon Corporate Empire (1986). It's authors, Heinerman and Shupe, could have written the definitive study of Mormon economic growth and development, but somewhere along the line the two started mixing theology and speculation and came away with a slanted, biased, and distorted account of the Church and its ideology. This title is not recommended.

Moving on in this same genre to those titles covering Mark Hofmann and the 1985 bombings would be the Sillitoe and Roberts' book, Salamander (1988). This publication gives the details of

the October 1985, pipe-bomb murders that occurred in Salt Lake City, in connection with the Mark Hofmann document forgeries. This is an exceptionally well written re-creation of the events in the order they happened. A nice addition to this work is the 21 page forensic analysis of the documents in question. This book is intelligible to readers outside the LDS Church. Robert Lindsey, a former New York Times correspondent, has written about this same occurrence in a mystery story style called, A Gathering of Saints: A True Story of Money, Murder and Deceit (1988). Although remaining faithful to the newspaper accounts; his story lacks perception and insight. Along this same vein is The Mormon Murders (1988) by Naifeh and Smith. This book is a scathing expose written by two lawyers who depict the Mormon hierarchy as deceitful in trying to cover-up their involvement with Hofmann. It is not as analytical or as balanced as Salamander.

MORMON AUTHORS:

This section contains those books written by contemporary LDS writers with whom librarians should be familiar. Not all of their works are listed, but enough to give you or your patron an essence of what's available in today's Mormon market. The first author is Orson Scott Card. Many will recognize his name for the numerous science fiction works that he has written, of which Ender's Game (1985) was a Hugo Award winner, and its' sequel, Speaker (1986) was a Nebula award winner. Card began his writing career as editor of the BYU Press in 1974; and assistant editor

of the Ensign magazine in 1976. Along with his science fiction works, he has also written Saints (1988) which is a historical saga of Mormons, formerly titled, A Woman of Destiny (1984). Card also writes under the pseudonym of Brian Green. Another Mormon writer with whom one should be acquainted is Eugene England. In his book, Dialogues with Myself: Personal Essays on Mormon Experiences, (1984) he uses the "essay" as an art form "to show by example...a Mormon's search for self and community." This is a personal and challenging book for all Christians. Perhaps another well-known name, especially for poetry enthusiasts, is Carol Lynn Pearson. She has also written and published screenplays, scripts, lyrics, and other varieties of books; along with her acclaimed poetry works. Some of her more distinguished titles are: Beginnings, (1985) A Widening View, (1983) and I Can't Stop Smiling (1984). She also authored the biography of her husband who died of AIDS, in the love story, Goodbye, I Love You (1986). One more author that public librarians in particular might wish to remember is Blaine Yorgason. His books Charlie's Monument: An Allegory of Love (1980), and Windwalker (1979) are among his best. Since Windwalker was such a huge success, and was made into a movie, Yorgason's stature as a writer, along with his book production, has increased abundantly. He also began co-authoring with his brother, Brenton Yorgason, after 1979. Many of his books have to do with Blaine's favorite subject the American West. In fact, both of these fiction stories are set there. The first story is about an orphaned, one armed boy with

badly deformed legs, and a twisted back. The story is about how he fights back at the humiliation and the hard times given him. The second novel is about an Indian family, their fight for survival, and the father's search for his kidnapped son.

PIONEERS:

A retelling of the classic and epic tale of the Mormon Pioneers is contained in Wallace Stegner's, The Gathering of Zion (1981). To help further in understanding the movement of the pioneers, Stanley B. Kimball, has written Historic Sites and Markers Along the Mormon and Other Great Western Trails (1988). Here is given a description of 550 sites along more than 10,000 miles of emigrant trails from New York to California. Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, (1966) by Frank Esshom, contains photographs, genealogies, and biographies of men and women who came to Utah between July 1847, and July 1868 (before the railroad). Some other useful titles in this genre of Mormon pioneers include Kate Carter's, Heart Throbs of the West, 12 volumes, (1947); Treasures of Pioneer History, 6 volumes, (1957); and Our Pioneer Heritage, 20 volumes, (1973).

POLYGAMY:

Clearly the most academic and unbiased history to date is Richard Van Wagoner's book, Mormon Polygamy (1986). This is a narrative history, not an interpretative text--very skillfully researched. Alongside Van Wagoner's book, should be a copy of

Religion and Sexuality, (1981) by Lawrence Foster, a careful and judicious study of three religious communities--with over half the book devoted to Mormonism. Interestingly, both Foster and Louis Kern, in his volume An Ordered Love: Sex Roles and Sexuality in Victorian Utopias--the Shakers, the Mormons, and the Oneida Community, (1981) wrote and published about the same groups of people in the same year, each apparently without knowledge of what the other was doing. Kern's book is different from Foster's in that Kern uses psychohistory techniques grounded in Freudian psychology to obtain a psychobiography of the leaders of these three groups. He then uses this information to gain an understanding of the groups' sex roles and relationships in these three separate communities. Foster's book is favored over Kern's--it is more analytical, rational, and refined. The last title in this area is Jessie Embry's, Mormon Polygamous Families (1987). This is the first volume of "Publications in Mormon Studies," a new series inaugurated by the University of Utah. This book developed from Embry's oral history project in which he interviewed former members of Mormon polygamous families (usually the grown children) and clinically dealt with such topics as attitudes, relationships, and difficulties within polygamous households in the late 19th and early 20th century.

THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE:

The Salt Lake Temple: A Monument to a People, compiled by Nina Cutrubus, is a bona fide art book. The accompanying text

was adapted from C. Mark Hamilton's, 1979 Ph.D. dissertation, "The Salt Lake Temple: An Architectural Monograph." This volume is a photographic essay that contains over 200 photographs of the Salt Lake Temple, along with a discussion of the symbolism and design of both the exterior, interior, and the overall architectural concept.

WOMEN:

This subject area is especially important to any library dealing in Women's Studies, and as well as those working with the general public. To properly introduce the field of women's issues and the LDS Church, would require not only more space than allowed in this format, but also one more qualified to write about it. Some issues within this area are: women and the priesthood, polygamy, the Church's stand against the ERA, and questions about the Church's oldest auxiliary, the Relief Society. There are no books or volumes dedicated to answering all of these issues, but advances are being made. I know of no books published before 1976 dealing only with the LDS Church and women's issues; naturally as the women's movement advanced more studies and publications came to print. But, for the most part, this subject area still appears to be more consistently deal with in journals than by monographs. Therefore, don't forget to survey the Mormon periodicals when researching this area. Because this field is grouped into two divisions: pioneer, and contemporary, I will start with the former.

Sister Saints, (1978) edited by Vicky Burgess-Olson, contains 24 essays on as many women. "Because of these factors--polygamy, frontier demands, the absence of men, and encouragement of church leadership--Mormon women provide us with some excellent case studies. The facts of their lives, along with interpretation, are presented in the essays of this volume. Those facts tell how women, freed in part from excessive household duties, chose to live out their lives."(p.viii) This volume is highly recommended because of the new light it shed on historical issues. Mormon Sisters: Women in Early Utah, (1976) edited by Claudia L. Bushman was one of the first book-length collections in this subject area. Topics include women as mystics, healers, midwives, schoolteachers, politicians, and feminists. Also selections dealing with individual women (i.e. Eliza Snow and Susa Young Gates), as well as an analyses of women as characters in Mormon fiction are included. It also contains a chronology, reading list, and bibliography of Mormon novels. Leonard Arrington, and his sister, Susan Madsen, have written a small book entitled Sun-bonnet Sisters: True Stories of Mormon Women and Frontier Life (1984). It tells of the lives (from childhood to adult) of 17 early Church sisters. Gathered from diaries and reminiscences, the primary material and detailed writing gives the readers an accurate day-to-day picture of the existence of a pioneer woman. The stories are interesting, and the writing is fast-paced, it may be enjoyed by teens as well as adults. It is also indexed, with chapter notes. To round out this area of

pioneer women two other titles need consideration. Cathy Luchetti and Carol Olwell's book, Women of the West, (1982) and Godfrey, Godfrey, and Derr's, Women's Voices: An Untold History of the Latter-day Saints, 1830-1900 (1982). The former title gives an account of what life was like for women in the western United States between the years 1830 to 1910; while the latter, using the journals and letters of 25 women, concentrates on the spiritual aspects of their lives. Unfortunately, Women's Voices adds no new information to the history or understanding of pioneer women in the nineteenth century. History of the Relief Society, 1842-1966, (1967) supplies a history of the Church's oldest auxiliary which was started by Joseph Smith's wife Emma, in 1842.

The next area of consideration is the contemporary Mormon woman. Mormon Women Speak, (1982) edited by Mary L. Bradford, contains a contest winning collection of 24 personal essays by contemporary Mormon women. A variety of topics are addressed including motherhood, role expectations, discrimination, and birth & death--all within the confines of family, church, and community. A general collection of addresses for women are found in Woman to Woman, (1986) and its' two sequels, A Heritage of Faith (1988), and As Women of Faith (1989). All three volumes are collections of addresses given at the annual (since 1975) BYU Women's Conferences. Topics include various aspects of the role of women in the LDS Church. The addresses cover such subjects as the ERA, working mothers, homemaking, sex, priesthood, family

abuse, drug abuse, motherhood, self-fulfillment, and raising children. From the perspective of one LDS wife and mother comes Carol Lynn Pearson's book, Good-bye, I Love You (1986). This wonderful volume discusses her marriage and life through the biography of her husband--who was homosexual, and died of AIDS. This volume is a thoroughly remarkable and beautiful love story; along with teaching a much needed lesson in pre-judging. Highly recommended, and understandable by Mormons and non-Mormons alike.

PERIODICALS:

There are two types of periodicals to keep in mind when dealing with the LDS Church: 1) those which have official Church sanction and, 2) those which do not. Those which do have official sanction or Church recognition are published by the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They contain "official" Church doctrine, statements, and council from the General Authorities of the Church, to its lay members worldwide. The following four periodicals constitute a few of the "official publications" of the church that are available on a subscription basis. None of these titles is freely mailed, distributed, or given away. For simplicity sake, I will list them in alphabetical order. The Church News, is a weekly newspaper section published by the LDS Church every Saturday as part of the Deseret News (a local Salt Lake City newspaper). It contains weekly news of the Church, and of its members, in a tabloid form. It is mailed to subscribers

outside of Utah. The Ensign, is the adult monthly magazine for church members. It contains monthly news of the church, as well as "Messages of the First Presidency", and articles pertaining to church life. The Friend, is a monthly magazine for the under 12 crowd. It is a basic children's publication filled with stories and activities for parents and their children. The New Era, is a monthly magazine written for those between the ages of 13 and 19. All of the above titles are indexed through the Index to Periodicals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is an annual author/subject index compiled since 1961, to five official LDS Church publications.

The following periodicals are not official church publications; but are privately printed by the various organizations listed:

Brigham Young University Studies (quarterly, 1959-) is a journal published by BYU. Articles reflect a Latter-day Saint point of view, scholarly but conservative. General Authorities of the Church also publish in this journal. Don't forget that this is the journal that has published the annual "Mormon Bibliography" since 1961. This periodical is self indexed annually and included in Current Contents: Behavior, Social, and Management Sciences, Religion Index One: Periodicals (articles), Index to Book Reviews in Religion, MLA International Bibliography, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, America: History and Life Annual Index, and Historical Abstracts.

Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought (quarterly, 1966-) is

printed by the Dialogue Foundation, Editorial Office, 202 West 300 North, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103. More scholarly and liberal than BYU Studies, it contains articles, essays, poetry, fiction, and art. It is self indexed once a year (since 1985 the summer issue contains the index for the previous years' volumes) plus separate ten year indexes are also issued. It is also indexed in Religion Index One, America: History and Life, and Historical Abstracts.

Exponent II (quarterly 1974-) is a newspaper (tabloid format) concerning Mormon women, published by Mormon women. The subscription cost is $7.00 a year. Susan L. Paxman is currently the editor, and the address is Box 37, Arlington, MA. 02174.

Journal of Mormon History (annually, 1974-) is published by the Mormon History Association, PO Box 7010, University Station, Provo, Utah 84602. Articles deal with Mormon History and are scholarly in style and approach. The last few volumes have contained lengthy book reviews (an average of 6 pages in length). There is only one cumulative index printed for this series, which is a ten year index in back of vol. 10, 1983. It is indexed in America: History and Life, and Historical Abstracts.

Sunstone (monthly, 1975-) is published by the Sunstone Foundation, 331 S. Rio Grande, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101-1136. Elbert Peck is the editor of this very liberal Mormon magazine. It contains articles on current issues, usually of a controversial nature.

This People (quarterly, 1979-) is published by the Utah

Alliance Publishing Inc., 1200 Beneficial Life Tower, 36 S. State St., Salt Lake City, Ut. 84111. This Mormon magazine is orientated to the LDS community and family, and also features currently notable Latter-day Saints.

For book reviews on LDS books by mostly LDS authors, BYU Studies, Dialogue, and The Journal of Mormon History, have reviews in nearly all issues. For works prior to 1967 see Mormon Experience, page 344, by Arrington and Bitton.

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